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LOK SABHA

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DEDICATED SECURITY FORCE FOR RAILWAYS` SECURITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have a plan to form a dedicated security force for the security of passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Railways to adopt the system prevalent in other countries which have a single security agency to check crimes in the trains which has proved quite effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) Indian Railways have its own history and unique role to ensure travel of passengers and goods through the length and breadth of the country. Security aspects of Indian Railways are presently being looked by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) which is under the Ministry of Railways and by the Government Railway Police (GRP) which is a wing of the concerned State Government. Assistance of District Police and other security agencies is also taken as per exigency. The system is reviewed from time to time and necessary corrective measures are accordingly taken. As a result of this approach, Railway Protection Force, which has its origin as a watch and ward organisation in Railways, has become an Armed Force of the Union with statutory provisions under the RPF Act, Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act and the Railways Act. Presently the security of passenger is being taken care of by the Railway Protection Force as well as Government Railway Police in a coordinated manner.